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1. 1978 GSP PRODUCT REVIEW RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING
MANDATORY CHANGES IN THE US GSP LIST. THERE WILL BE 320
PRODUCTS EXCLUDED FROM DUTY-FREE ENTRY UNDER THE COMPETI-
TIVE NEED PROVISIONS OF THE LAW DURING THE PERIOD
MARCH 1, 1978 - MARCH 1, 1979. OF THESE 320 PRODUCTS,
314 ARE EXCLUDED FROM GSP DUTY-FREE TREATMENT FOR ONE
COUNTRY ONLY, WHILE 6 PRODUCTS ARE EXCLUDED FOR MORE THAN
ONE SUPPLIER. COUNTING EACH COUNTRY EXCLUDED FROM GSP
ON EACH PARTICULAR PRODUCT AS ONE PRODUCT/COUNTRY GROUP,
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THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 342 PRODUCT/COUNTRY GROUPS EXCLUDED
(I.E. 314 PRODUCT/COUNTRY GROUPS ON THE 314 PRODUCTS
WITH ONLY ONE COUNTRY EXCLUDED, AND THE REMAINDER ON
THE SIX PRODUCTS WITH MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY EXCLUDED).
IMPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS FROM EXCLUDED COUNTRIES WERE
3.049-BILLION DOLLARS-DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1977; SOME
OF THE PRODUCTS WERE EXCLUDED BY CO ETITIVE NEED N -

PREVIOUS YEARS, AND OTHERS ARE NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIST.
IN COMPARISON, THE 1977 PRODUCT REVIEW RESULTED IN 295
PRODUCTS BEING EXCLUDED UNDER COMPETITIVE NEED FOR ONE

OR MORE COUNTRIES FOR A TOTAL OF 318 PRODUCT/COUNTRY
GROUP EXCLUSIVNS WITH A TOTAL OF 1976 CALENDAR YEAR
TRADE OF 3,006 MILLION DOLLARS.

2. IN THIS PRODUCT REVIEW UNDER THE DISCRETIONARY
AUTHORITY OF THE TRADE ACT, 121 PRODUCTS (122 PRODUCT/
COUNTRY GROUPS) WHICH HAD BEEN INELIGIBLE FOR GSP
UNDER COMPETITIVE NEED DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1977 WERE
REDESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE FOR GSP. TRADE IN THESE
ITEMS DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1977 TOTALED 152.7 MILLION
DOLLARS.

3. THE 1978 PRODUCT REVIEW ADDED 11 ITEMS TO THE GSP
LIST. TOTAL TRADE IN THESE ITEMS DURING 1977 WAS
48.5 MILLION DOLLARS WITH BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES ACCOUNTING FOR APPROXIMATELY 36.2 MILLION
DOLLARS OF THE TOTAL. THERE WAS A DELETION OF A
PORTION OF ONE ITEM WITH NEGLIGIBLE TRADE FROM THE
GSP LIST DURING THE PRODUCT REVIEW.

4. LISTED BELOW ARE STATISTICS FOR BOTH 1976 AND 1977
CALENDAR YEAR OUTLINING THE OVERALL MAGNITUDE OF US
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GSP TRADE.

.....	1976	1977	
.....	(MILS.	PERCENT	(MILS.	PERCENT
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US IMPORTS OF GSP 26,035 100 31,107 100
ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS:
WORLD

US IMPORTS FROM 19,765 75.9 23,429 75.3
NON-GSP ELIGIBLE
COUNTRIES

US IMPORTS FROM 6,270 24.1 7,678 24.7
GSP ELIGIBLE
COUNTRIES

US IMPORTS FROM 3,057 11.8 3,878 12.5
GSP ELIGIBLE
COUNTRIES ENTERING
DUTY FREE

US IMPORTS FROM GSP 3,213 12.3 3,800 12.2
ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES
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